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DATE: January 24, 2008

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent *CW*

SUBJECT: **URGENT – RECALL ALERT**
Commodity and Commercial Green Beans and Garbanzo Beans in #10 cans (weighing 6 to 7 pounds)

PLEASE ALERT THE SCHOOLS IN YOUR DISTRICT that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a product recall because of a potential Clostridium botulinum (C. botulinum) contamination to all canned Green Beans and Garbanzo Beans in #10 cans (large institutional-sized cans weighing between 6 and 7 pounds) distributed nationwide by the New Era Canning Company, New Era, Michigan over the last five years. **The codes on the affected product begin with numbers "00249" or the letters "GREEN" or "GARB." These codes will be stamped on the top or bottom of each can.**

The following USDA commodities would have been delivered from the State Warehouses (Northern Food Service and TLC) to the schools **prior to August 2005:**

Northern Warehouse	Code 2055	Commodity Green Beans #10 cans
TLC Warehouse	Code 2055	Commodity Green Beans #10 cans

The following USDA commodities would have been delivered from the State Warehouses (Northern Food Service and TLC) to the schools **prior to February 2006:**

Northern Warehouse	Code 2636	Commodity Garbanzo Beans #10 cans
TLC Warehouse	Code 2636	Commodity Garbanzo Beans #10 cans

The codes are commodity codes assigned by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). These codes would have been reflected on your invoices from your state assigned warehouse. The codes will not appear on the cans or the cases of commodity green beans or garbanzo beans.

Information regarding the delivery of Commodity Green Beans in #10 cans from Gordon Food Service to schools in the Great Lakes Consortium will be forwarded to schools when it becomes available.

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Schools could have also received green beans and garbanzo beans in #10 cans as commodity and commercial product. Please refer to the attached list that was issued by FDA regarding the product labels that have been affected by this recall.

Please have the schools check their inventory and segregate the commodity and commercial items from other products and discontinue using these items immediately. Product must be tagged, quarantined, and held until further instruction is received from MDE to either allow for on-site destruction with proper documentation or arrangements for pickup for the commodity product.

As for commercial product, you will need to contact your distributor regarding arrangements that the district will need to make for the replacement and/or credit for this product and pickup.

If your school has any of the **USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Special Nutrition Programs, Alexandria, VA, label with the UPC code numbers identified on the list of product labels affected by the expanded** recall, your school is to complete the attached form, "Verification of On-Site Inventory of Canned Green Beans and Canned Garbanzo Beans."

In order for MDE to inform USDA of the total number of canned Green Beans and canned Garbanzo Beans involved in the expanded recall, it is essential that you fax (517-373-4022) this completed form to MDE no later than **Monday, January 28, 2008.**

For additional information on products being recalled, refer to the following web sites:

FDA Home Recall Page: <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>

New Era Press Release: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/newera201_08.html

FDA Warning: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2008/NEW01782.html>

Any questions related to this memorandum should be directed to Jayme Priest, Consultant at 517-335-3792 or e-mail at priestj@michigan.gov and Lucia Campbell, Analyst, at 517-373-1073 or e-mail at campbelll4@michigan.gov.

Attachments

**Michigan Department of Education
Grants Coordination and School Support**

The following product labels are affected by this expanded recall:

Bunny brand, Distributed by Bunn Capitol Company, Springfield, IL

Blue Lake mixed and shortcut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 6444500193).

Classic Sysco brand, Distributed by Sysco Corporation, Houston, TX.

Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 7486510779).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 7486510487).

Garbanzo beans (garbanzo beans, water, salt, calcium chloride, EDTA) in 108.0 oz (6 lb. 12 oz.) cans (UPC 7486510484).

Code brand, Distributed by Code, Atlanta, GA.

Mixed & short cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 1207310120).

Fancy garbanzo beans without sulfites (garbanzo beans, water, salt, disodium EDTA) in 6 lb. 14 oz. cans (UPC 1207316120).

ComSource brand, Distributed by ComSource, Atlanta, GA.

Blue Lake cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952333).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952321).

ComSource Medallion Premium Quality brand, distributed by ComSource, Atlanta, GA.

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952325).

ComSource Merit Excellence Food Service brand, Distributed by ComSource, Inc, Atlanta, GA.

Cut Blue Lake green beans, 5 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952327).

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952325).

ComSource Traditional brand, Distributed by ComSource, Atlanta, GA.

Blue Lake cut green beans, mixed and short cut, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 5254952359).

Cut Blue Lake green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952427).

Cut Blue Lake green beans, 5 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 5254952429).

Frosty Acres Restaurant's Pride Preferred brand, Packed for F.A.B., Inc., Alpharetta, GA.

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve (green beans, water, salt), in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820067373).

Cut Blue Lake green beans, 4 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820067445).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 5 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820067451).

Fancy cut Blue Lake green beans (green beans, water, salt), in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820067339).

Fancy cut Blue Lake green beans, 4 sieve (green beans, water, salt), in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820067446).

Mixture of Blue Lake short cut, cut green beans (green beans, water, salt), in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4820068464).

Fancy garbanzos "chick pea" (garbanzo beans, water, salt, calcium chloride, disodium EDTA) in 111 oz. (6 lb. 15 oz.) cans (UPC 4820068264).

GFS brand, Distributed by Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans, reorder no. 118737 (UPC 9390111873).

Cut Blue Lake green beans, mixed sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans, reorder no. 273856 (UPC 9390127385).

goodtaste brand, Distributed by New Era Canning in New Era, MI.

Cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 3683512340).

Harvest Value brand, distributed by U.S. Food Service, Columbia, MD

Cut green beans, mixed and short cut, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 173619 (UPC 5810803534).

Cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 101 (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 170524 (UPC 5810801047).

Cut green beans, short cut (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 173349 (UPC 5810803538).

Kitchen brand, Distributed by Potato Products, Detroit, MI.

5 sieve- EX.-STD. cut Blue Lake green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 6 oz. cans

Kitchen Essentials brand, Distributed by Gordon Food Service, Grand Rapids, MI.

Cut green beans, mixed sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 6 oz. cans, reorder no. 156337 (UPC 9390115633).

Monarch brand, Distributed by Reid, Murdoch & Co., Columbia, MD

Extra Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 177039 (UPC 5810811196).

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz (6 lb 5 oz) cans, 170672 (UPC 5810801040).

Monarch Premium brand, packed for PYA/Monarch, Inc, Greenville, SC.

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans, 173205 (No UPC code).

Mount Stirling brand, Distributed by Pocahontas Foods USA, Richmond, VA.

Blue Lake cut green beans, 5 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4156033379).

Necco brand, Packed by New Era Canning Company, New Era, MI.

Cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 6 oz. cans (UPC 3683513340).

New Era brand, Distributed by New Era Canning Co, New Era, MI.

Veri-Green cut green beans (green beans, water, salt, zinc chloride) in 102 oz. (6 lb. 6 oz.) cans (No UPC code).

Cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 108 oz. (6 lb. 12 oz.) cans (UPC 3683511340).

January 24, 20081/24/2008Cut Blue Lake green beans, no salt added, (green beans, water) in 102 oz. (6 lb. 6 oz.) cans (No UPC code).

Garbanzo beans (garbanzo beans, water, salt, calcium chloride, EDTA) in 108 oz. (6 lb. 12 oz.) cans (UPC 3683511684).

Nugget brand, Distributed by Nugget, Atlanta, GA.

Green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6lb. 5oz.) (UPC 4410540023).

Cut green beans, 5 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4410501930).

Veri-green cut green beans (green beans, water, salt, zinc chloride) in 6 lb. 12 oz. cans (UPC 4410502101).

Mixed short cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4410518838).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 4410501989). January 24, 2008

Pocahontas brand, Distributed by Pocahontas Foods USA, Richmond, VA.

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (Blue Lake green beans, water, salt), 10282, in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4156010282).

Fancy long cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4156010325).

Fancy Blue Lake green beans, 3 sieve, (Blue Lake green beans, water, salt), 10280, in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 4156010280).

Reliance Sysco, Distributed by Sysco Corporation, Houston, TX.

Mixed cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 7486512175).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans. (UPC 7486512172).

Blue Lake cut green beans, 5 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans (UPC 7486512174).

Sysco brand, Distributed by Sysco Corporation, Houston, TX.

5096342 Imperial Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 7486512136).

5096359 Imperial Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 5 oz. cans (UPC 7486512137).

US brand Distributed by U.S. FoodService, Columbia, MD.

Cut green beans, mixed sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 171132 (UPC 5810801048).

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 173416 (UPC 5810811195).

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 3 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 170672 (UPC 5810801040).

Fancy Blue Lake cut green beans, 4 sieve, (green beans, water, salt) 170232 in 101 oz. (6 lb. 5 oz.) cans, 170672 (UPC 5810801041).

Cut green beans, 5 Sieve, (green beans, water, salt) in 101 oz (6 lb 5 oz) cans, 170675 (UPC 5810801042).

USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Special Nutrition Programs, Alexandria, VA label.

Cut green beans (green beans, water, salt) in 6 lb. 6 oz. cans (UPC 1500101061).

Garbanzo beans (garbanzo beans, water, salt, calcium chloride, EDTA) in 6 lb. 12 oz. cans (UPC code 1500101089)

Verification of On-Site Inventory of USDA
Canned Green Beans and Canned Garbanzo Beans
On Recall Alert

Please fill out the information below and document the number of #10 cans of green beans and garbanzo beans that have been isolated and designated as "NOT TO BE CONSUMED" at your school.

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Brand Name</u>	<u>UPC Code #</u>	<u>Quantity of #10 cans</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL:			_____

I have verified that the products listed were properly identified with a UPC code # on each can.

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Name of Organization)

(Telephone Number)

(Date)

**COMPLETE FORM AND FAX TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AT (517) 373-4022
ATTENTION RENEE CRATTY
BY JANUARY 28, 2008**